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YMCA–YWCA Capital Campaign Update 1

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ADDITIONAL CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP RECRUITED

Mike and Jennifer Senske have agreed to be co-chairs of our capital campaign joining **Theresa Gee** and the **Gee Family** in this important role. Mike is the President & CEO of Pearson Packaging Systems and Jennifer is a community volunteer that will soon be joining the YW board.

Bill Robinson, President of Whitworth College has agreed to serve as honorary co-chair along with **Kristi Blake** and **Gary Ely**.

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION

- I am excited to report that **Itron**, Inc. has agreed to give a \$200,000 lead gift to our capital campaign. They typically don't give to capital campaigns and this is the largest gift they have ever given to a non-profit. Mima Scarpelli, Monica and Rig met yesterday with LeRoy Nosbaum, Steve Hambrecht, Jared Serff, and Kate McAlister to present our case and ask for their support. They shared that their gift was motivated by:
 - Our large vision and the way in which their dollars would go further to benefit the community by serving 1:6.
 - The fact that two important non-profits were working jointly together for more efficiencies and programmatic opportunities.
 - The thoroughness of planning that went into our case preparation and the passion with which we are making our case.
 - The ability for us to use their gift to motivate other businesses to be generous.

STATE LEGISLATIVE FORUM

Senate Majority Leader **Lisa Brown** created quite a buzz at this Chamber event earlier this week when she publicly named the \$5 million YMCA-YWCA joint capital request as a top priority for her from the 2007 State Community Capital Budget. There is still a few days left (but very few) for those of you still desiring to contact the Governor to encourage her to add our project to her budget.

GARCO CONSTRUCTION SELECTED

Our joint Facilities Committee for the new Central Y has selected **Garco Construction** as our contractor for that facility. Thanks to Larry Soehren, Scot Auble, and Steve Jurich for participating in the interview process. Garco President Tim Welsh and his staff are now participating in our planning meetings.

Just as a reminder, **Vandervert Construction** was selected as our contractor for our North Y facility and has been working with our North Facilities Committee.